

A WOMAN BOXER.

Who of a Chicago Evangelist
Wants to Box Sharkey Four
Rounds for Points.

A TRAIN ROBBED IN ST. LOUIS.

A Friend of the Benders Indicted for
Killing His Daughter Welsh
Manc Flooded The Young
Trial Closing.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Rosa Boyd, of Chicago, the wife of a colored evangelist, has issued a challenge to Tom Sharkey to box four rounds, for points, or to a finish. The Boyds have lived here about a year, coming here from St. Louis. Mrs. Boyd is the daughter of "Sloppy Frank," a well-known colored rough-and-tumble fighter and boxer, noted for his great strength, and she was trained almost from her infancy by him. She is tall, powerfully built and weighs 180 pounds. Mrs. Boyd is willing to meet Sharkey for a purse or gate receipts, and if she wins the contest she will devote the money to building an industrial school for colored children.

Mrs. Boyd led the way to her back kitchen where she gave a clever ten minute exhibition of her skill as a bag puncher, after which she put up a 75-pound dumb bell with one hand, remarking, "I have almost abandoned the use of heavy weights as I find it makes the muscles slow. I used to put up 100 pounds with one hand and can lift a bushel basket filled with coal with my teeth."

Mrs. Boyd is good looking, intelligent and pleasant in manner. She expects to get an answer from Sharkey soon and to enter the ring with him.

HELD UP IN TOWN.

During Work of Train Robbers in the City of St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—Six bandits held up passenger train No. 65 on the Iron Mountain road last night about 8:45 o'clock at Bates street, just north of Carondelet Park, in the city limits. The train left the Union station at 8:37 o'clock and was about three miles out on its trip to Memphis when the bandits came.

The place where the hold up occurred is a wooded one and just the place to invite a hold up. When the train stopped up at Bates street, Engineer Joseph W. Smith, who was at the throttle, saw six men and jump on the "blind" baggage car. Thinking they were tramps stealing a ride, he paid little attention to them.

When the train reached the Bates street crossing, it stopped to give the required signal. Two of the outlaws crawled over the baggage and covered the engineer and fireman in the engine with revolvers, ordering them to not move the train a foot at threat of their lives. Two other robbers, with revolvers, kept the passengers from getting out of the coaches. Then two of the men proceeded to blow open the express car with dynamite.

The conductor, W. M. Hall, started to get off the train to see what was wrong. He was promptly halted by a robber with a pistol.

"You get back on that train or I'll blow out your brains," he got back. After the robbers had blown open the express car, they covered the messenger, W. J. Egan, and then shattered the door of the coach with dynamite. They found no money and after examining several packages of express they made good their escape by disappearing in the thickets close by. None of the passengers were molested although they were more or less scared up. The police station at Carondelet was communicated with.

Word was telegraphed to the city, and prompt action was taken by Division Superintendent Brownlee, of the Iron Mountain. He knew that train No. 64 was coming and feared that the robbers would try to repeat the job. He accordingly telegraphed to Jefferson Barracks to have the incoming train flagged and held. This was done. Then Police Sergeant Neun and seven officers were placed on the train, and served as a guard but nothing was seen of the robbers.

An attempt was made to preserve order by informing the affair, the police coming so far as to assert that all there was in the story was the firing of a few shots by some tramps. Express officials did not give details as to the amount of money in the express car, but it was stated on what seemed good authority that the messenger had an unusually heavy run.

Held for His Daughter's Murder.

Oswego, Kan., Dec. 10.—After a long preliminary examination Rudolph Brook-

man, a wealthy farmer, living in Oswego township, has been held in the sum of \$10,000 to answer for the murder of his 17-year-old daughter, Mary. Four weeks ago Brookman gave the girl a terrible beating because she did not work to suit him in his corn field. He then tied a rope around one of her ankles, fastened the other end of the rope to the rear axle of his wagon and drove to his barn, a quarter of a mile distant, dragging the girl behind. Arrived here he locked her up in the barn without sufficient clothing and without food. The girl was helped by her uncle and another neighbor, who carried her away, but her injuries were so serious that she died on Nov. 22.

Brookman has long been an outcast among the farmers of Oswego township. His rapaciousness and the notorious Bender farm, and he was the nearest neighbor of the Bender butchers. After the horrifying crimes of the Bender family had become known, and they had fled the country, Brookman was visited one night by a mob of masked men, who demanded to know where the Benders had gone. Brookman insisted that he knew nothing of the Benders or their deeds, but he was strung up to the limb of a tree and held there until almost dead. Finally, however, he was cut down and allowed to go his way, but ever since he has been shunned.

YOUNG MURDER TRIAL.

Retutation of the Charge That the Dead Woman Was Insane.

Hillsboro, Ill., Dec. 10.—After the examination of thirteen more witnesses in rebuttal, the hearing of testimony in the Young murder trial was closed and the arguments of the attorneys began. Rev. Cole, of Donnellson, testified that he had considerable experience with insane persons; that he had held a conversation of considerable length with Mrs. Young about four weeks before her death, with a view of testing the condition of her mind; that he was convinced that she was perfectly sane. He held the conversation because of a remark made by one of Young's family.

Dr. Cook, of Coffeen, testified that he had treated Mrs. Young for uterine trouble; that he saw nothing in her condition or conduct to indicate insanity.

Mrs. Nichols, the mother of Mrs. Young, testified that there was no insanity in her own or her husband's ancestry, so far as she had knowledge; also, that Mrs. Young was right-handed, this being important, as the theory of the defense is that she shot herself with a revolver held in her left hand. She never observed anything in her daughter's conduct to indicate insanity. Ten other witnesses testified that in their opinion Mrs. Young's mind was sound.

The defendant, Robert Young, then took the stand again and denied specifically that he had used a pistol on his wife on the night of her death. During the last two days the defendant has held his two younger children on his lap almost constantly during the trial. The testimony being closed, ex-Congressman Edward Lane opened the argument for the prosecution, speaking about four hours. He laid great stress on the failure to find a revolver among the ashes, arguing that one would certainly have been found had Mrs. Young shot herself. He was followed by Attorney James M. Truitt, for the defense.

Regarded as a Spanish "Fake." Key West, Fla., Dec. 10.—The Cuban leaders here and at Tampa deny in the strongest manner the truth of the reports from the Spanish office of the deaths of General Maceo and of the son of General Gomez. While the reports from Havana are not of the most reliable kind, yet enough has been received to show that the insurgents' friends in the Spanish capital do not believe the report. The palace officials do not substantiate the morning's report in any manner, which leaves the Cubans to believe that this is only a canard tending to influence the American congress now in session, they believing that the death of a leader like Maceo would have a dispiriting influence upon the Cuban sympathizers in this country. The leaders here have made many inquiries today, but nothing has been received to induce them to believe that Maceo has been killed. It is thought that he will co-operate with Gomez, and that an onward advance on Havana is expected.

Welch Mine Flooded. London, Dec. 10.—The colliery has been flooded at Abernant, Wales, and 120 men in the mine had a race for their lives. Six were drowned.

Other Endorsements for Brigham. Springfield, Mass., Dec. 10.—The state senate adopted a resolution favoring J. H. Brigham of Ohio, for secretary of agriculture.

Weather Probabilities. Chicago, Dec. 10.—Continues in tonight and Friday with slight changes of temperature; fresh westerly winds.

T. A. Barr of Urbana has been appointed clerk of Champaign county, vice J. McCullough, elected state auditor.

CULLOM'S HOT SHOT.

The Senator To-Day Addressed
the Senate on the Cuban
Question.

REVIEWS THE HISTORY OF SPAIN.

Says the Provinces Separated From
Spain Have Improved While the
Feeble Old Mother Has Fallen
Lower and Lower.

Washington, Dec. 10.—An arduous day of petitions was presented in the senate at the opening this morning, mostly for the passage of the Dingley bill, independence of Cuba and restriction of immigration. Sherman offered a resolution for a committee of three to arrange for the inauguration of McKinley which was adopted.

Cullom was then recognized for a speech on the Cuban question. The public galleries were well filled, but none of the foreign representatives were in the diplomatic gallery. Cullom was in vigorous voice which added emphasis to the plain words employed in which he arraigned Spain. He preceded his speech with the following: Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives that the extinction of Spanish title and the termination of the Spanish control of the islands at the gateway to the Gulf of Mexico is necessary to the welfare of those islands and to the people of the United States.

Senator Cullom today addressed the senate on the Cuban question. He was listened to with marked interest and attention. After a brief reference to the president's message concerning Cuba, Cullom said: "While I am not disposed to criticize President Cleveland I may properly say I had hoped he would find occasion to give more positive or emphatic expression of the true American continental policy which ought to be invoked in all cases where the labor and independence of any people on the American continent are involved. Further, I think we ought never to hesitate nor delay when the lines of this policy run parallel and coincident with those of common humanity." Cullom then presented the record of Spanish cruelty and oppression and said: "This agency of murder and administration of torture, in the name of Christianity, continued in vigorous existence in Spain from the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella about 1492, until even after the beginning of the present century. During the existence of the holy office or inquisition 31,912 persons were condemned to perish in the flames; 17,659 were burned in effigy, and nearly 300,000 were condemned to serve terrible penances. The last victims were burned alive about 1700." The speaker went on to say that all the provinces which have separated from Spain have become prosperous countries while the feeble old mother country has gradually fallen lower and lower, depending almost for existence on stolen gold looted upon Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands. Spain must always be watched as it always has been, a robber nation. He then went on to say that we must not wait for a precedent but should make one. We violated every precedent by the Declaration of Independence in 1776. We did not ask advice as to a change in 1779 from a confederation to that of a union of states; nor when we announced the Monroe doctrine in 1823; nor when a few months ago we intervened in the matter of the Venezuelan boundary. He declared we had now reached the time to take another step in advance. We must declare a speedy termination of the Spanish control of the islands at the gateway to the Mexican gulf which is necessary alike to the welfare of those islands and people of the United States.

The speaker did not indicate definitely any method which he thought should be pursued, saying, "Wisdom and discretion and an American president and cabinet can certainly find a way to determine the trouble without imperiling the interest of our country or our people." House.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Scranton, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on territories called up a bill to amend the act forbidding alien ownership of lands in the territories. The bill seeks to enable aliens to acquire title to real property under mortgage foreclosure, but by the terms of the bill they must dispose of such title within ten years. Hopburn, of Iowa, caused something of a flurry by arraigning the supporters of the bill on the ground that they are proposing to go back on the platform plank against alien ownership of land. His remarks were particularly directed against the Populists, who, he said, after declaiming against alien ownership, now favor allowing aliens to acquire all they heretofore de-

clared should belong only to American citizens.

Catron, of New Mexico, who is sponsor for the bill, declared it did not permit alien ownership, but it only permitted aliens in certain contingencies to hold real property ten years. He said it is the purpose to enable the people of the territories to get some benefit of foreign capital. Capital is needed to develop the resources of the territories. Under the present law no alien could own a dollar's worth of property and no capital could be invested. After some further discussion the bill was defeated.

Committee on International Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Sherman, chairman of the Republican caucus, appointed Wolcott, Horr, Chandler and Gear a committee provided for at yesterday's caucus to prepare the way for an international agreement on silver. Wolcott says he will call the committee not later than next Monday and will proceed at once to frame a bill in hope to secure legislation at the present session of congress.

WHO WILL SUCCEED GEN. MACEO?

Garcia, Rabi, and Riveira Mentioned in This Connection.

New York, Dec. 10.—If the report of General Maceo's death proves true the Cuban provisional government will have to appoint his successor to the rank of lieutenant general at once so as to continue the campaign of the insurgents in Pinar del Rio before the men are disorganized. Several men are mentioned as possible successors to General Maceo, and all are said to be able leaders and daring soldiers. The new commander must be a man familiar with Pinar del Rio province, as it is there most of the hard fighting will now take place, General Weyler's declared object being to crush the insurgent forces in that province.

Most prominent of those spoken of as Maceo's successor is Major General Calixto Garcia, now in charge of the operations in Santiago Province. General Jesus Rabi and J. Rabi Riveira are also said to be worthy of filling the next highest rank in the Cuban army to command in chief.

General Garcia is considered by Cubans to be one of their best men. He is cordially hated by the Spaniards, who regard him as one of Spain's bitterest enemies and a fearless fighter. In the ten-year rebellion, lasting from 1895 to 1897, General Garcia served in the same rank as he occupies in the present war. General Maceo served under him. He there distinguished himself for his bravery, and a year after peace had been declared he organized another revolution, but the attempt failed and the scheme was abandoned.

General Garcia has been in the field since last March and has done effective work. A few days ago, at the head of 5000 men, he captured the City of Guantamo, one of the most important cities thus far taken by the insurgents. Although he is 60 years old he is strong and healthy.

General Jesus Rabi was in the previous revolution under the command of General Garcia, but on the death of Major General Jose Maceo, was appointed to his place.

General J. Rabi Riveira is now in Pinar del Rio and has been fighting under Maceo. He also fought in the ten years' war.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

Report Confirming the Death of Maceo, Another that He is Still Alive.

Havana, Dec. 10.—Dr. Maxim Zertucha, the personal physician of Antonio Maceo, has surrendered to the Spanish commander at San Felipe. The doctor confirms the announcement that Maceo was killed Dec. 7, near Punta Brava in an engagement between the insurgents and the Spanish columns commanded by Major Cirujeda. He says Maceo was shot in the chin, the bullet breaking his jaw and passing out near the neck and shoulders. Another bullet wounded him in the abdomen.

Another Report. Boston, Dec. 10.—The Journal's Key West correspondent has learned positively that the reported death of Maceo and young Gomez is false. Both are believed to be near Mariel, while Weyler is near San Cristobal, searching for Maceo. It is thought the latter will co-operate with Gomez and an advance on Havana is looked for.

The Circuit Court.

The Dimock-McMurry horse case is now on trial by jury in the circuit court with a large number of witnesses present from Bethany.

The jury in the Holmes-Croy case gave the plaintiff a verdict for 62 cents. The claim was for about \$90.

Contractor Falls.

Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 10.—J. R. Strachan, a mason contractor, failed today. Assets, \$175,000; liabilities, \$120,000.

In the circuit clerk's office today confession of judgment was taken against John Read and Jacob White by the Union Iron Works; amount, \$500.95.

HARMON'S REPORT.

The Attorney General Approves
the New Salary System Saves
the Government Money.

GREAT BRITAIN CONSIDERING A TARIFF

Strong Objection to the Present Free
Trade System at a Conference in
London—The Six-Day
Bicycle Race.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Attorney General Harmon in his annual report endorsed the new salary system in his department as contrasted with the former fee system. He says a large reduction is shown in all items naturally affected by the fee system. The fees for the United States marshals for the year will show a saving of \$409,000; for jurors, \$315,000; for witnesses, \$37,000; for bailiffs, \$93,000; for district attorneys, \$192,000. The attorney general proceeds to make recommendations at considerable length for amendments in the criminal laws. Then he reviews the work of the department recommending among other things further, and more definite action by the government to secure its claims against the Pacific Railroad Co., and points out that the rulings of the courts restricting the scope of the anti-trust law makes it necessary that this law should be amended if any effective action is to be had under it.

Protective Tariff for England.

London, Dec. 10.—A conference was held here today of persons favorable to a protective tariff for Great Britain. James Lowther, member of parliament, presided and made a long speech declaring the rapidly increasing sentiment in Great Britain nations' fiscal policy is radically wrong. It is no longer true that the business of England are opposed to the imposition of tariff duty. The speaker favored a 5 per cent duty on wheat.

The Six-Day Bicycle Race.

New York, Dec. 10.—The score of the leaders in the bicycle race at 10 a. m. were: Hale, 1188 miles, Forster, 1134; Rice, 1143; Schock, 1111. Reading, 1109; Taylor, 1089; Pierce, 1081. Smith, 1073; Maddock, 1019.

FOR SOUTHERN MARSHALSHIP.

C. J. Lindley and C. P. Hitch, Among Others, Want the Place.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—One of the prettiest fights in expectancy that is to come off in Illinois will be between Cleo J. Lindley of Bond county and Charles P. Hitch, chairman of the Republican state central committee. The office in dispute is the marshalship of the southern district of Illinois. Mr. Hitch held it four years under President Harrison and will seek reappointment. Mr. Lindley is an aspirant for the place and has the endorsement of Senator Cullom. Thomas Scott of Fairfield, has been spoken of as a candidate for this position. He does not seek it, but he does want a membership in the railroad and warehouse commission.

Thomas Lawler of Rockford, who is a candidate for pension agent in Chicago, has been in the city a good deal of late. Colonel Clements, who filled the position under President Harrison, wants reappointment, and General Fawcett of Mount Vernon, is also an aspirant for the place. Within the last week some of Major McKinley's friends in Chicago have stimulated Lawler and Pucey by a curious bit of gossip concerning Major McKinley's ideas in political matters. It is said he does not favor reappointments, and that during his long term in congress he was never known to ask for the reappointment of any one of his constituents to office. If he carries out this idea while he is in the White House he will make a revolution in politics. A good many men in Illinois who will ask reappointment under Major McKinley are concerned in the matter and want to know if he has experienced a change of heart.

Vestigle (2:00 1/2) has gone into winter quarters at Charleston for repairs, after making a short campaign. He won a few races and probably would have won more, but went wrong at Mattoon, caused by some unprincipled villain who gave him a dose of poison.

R. F. Whitehead, of Texas, DeWitt county, claims the championship for fast corn husking, having husked and hauled to Oaman in one day 131 bushels and 40 pounds between sun and sun.

City Marshal Fitts, of Waukegan, was terribly beaten with a coal pick by a brakeman of the Eastern Illinois, named Folson. His jaw was broken and his skull fractured.

BURLEY AND DIXON.

Election of Poor Farm Steward and County Physician This Afternoon.

At the meeting of the Macon county board of supervisors this forenoon various matters came up for consideration. This afternoon the board took ballots in choosing a steward for the poor farm and a county physician.

Elected by the Board.

For Steward—W. C. Burley was re-elected on the first formal ballot as follows:

W. C. Burley 13, W. S. Garver 4, Grant Barnett 2, A. Herman 2, M. F. Boyer 2, Adam Musser 1.

For County Physician—It was a hot fight with Will J. Chenoweth, W. A. Dixon, W. H. Bell, C. M. Bradley, C. B. Smith and J. F. Childs. There were four formal ballots resulting as follows: First: Chenoweth 10, Dixon 8, Childs 4, Bell 2. Second: Chenoweth 9, Dixon 8, Childs 4, Bell 3, Bradley 1. Third: Dixon 12, Chenoweth 7, Childs 2, Bell 2, Smith 1. Fourth: Dixon 15, Chenoweth 5, Bell 2, Childs 1. Dixon was declared elected.

Grand Jury.

The following were selected to serve as grand jurors at the January term of court:

Austin—C. L. Hadley.
Blue Mound—J. L. Stanford.
Decatur—Sam Sloan, J. O. Johnson, Fleming Gray, George W. Kraft.
Friendship—Frank Benton.
Harristown—S. P. Davis.
Hickory Point—David Stewart.
Illini—George Culp.
Long Creek—Ed Chapman, Dan Imel.
Maroa—J. S. McGraw and Charles Huff.
Millam—A. H. Hill.
Mt. Zion—Ed Hogan.
Nantico—George F. Lindsay.
Oakley—David Schrom.
Pleasant View—W. L. Bankson.
South Macon—E. T. Whiloughy and J. A. Coombe.
South Wheatland—Fred D. Crickman.
Whitmore—Thomas Pennington.

The resolution for changes to be made in the county clerk's office was adopted. It is proposed to place the main office in the second room from the corner, the private room at the corner.

By resolution it was voted that it was deemed inadvisable to make any change in the main entrance to the circuit court room.

This resolution offered by Supervisor Bean was adopted:

Whereas, There is a large amount of money expended by the county for various purposes and there is no system of appropriation for any of said expenses, and believing that it is good policy to plan so that our expenses shall come within our income; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appropriate committee be authorized to secure the amount of the expenses for various purposes for the last two years and from that make appropriation for the ensuing year, taking into consideration that something should be saved to meet the payment of the first county courthouse bonds.

The final report of E. McClelland, retiring circuit clerk, shows about \$1500 excess of earnings over office expenses.

Pauper Committee Work.

The committee on paupers submitted the following report.

To the honorable chairman and board of supervisors of Macon county, gentlemen: Your special committee appointed at the last meeting of this honorable body to investigate the pauper claims of Decatur township beg leave to make the following report: That they have seen personally each person getting help from the county and have also taken a history of each family receiving aid, name, age, nationality, how long a resident of Decatur, street and number, married or single, age of each, reasons for asking aid, how long they have been receiving assistance from the county, what real estate if any they own and to whom they pay their rent.

We found some have been getting aid from the county for from one to seventeen years. We found that the county was helping 190 families. We have added to this list seven. Overseer McClelland has cut off \$7, the committee has cut off \$7, left the city to take to the poor farm 2. Receiving assistance at this date, 105. They got from 50 cents to \$1.00 per week, according to the number in family and health. The amount expended from September to December one year ago was \$3,308.75. The total amount expended last quarter, \$1944.75. With the assistance of Mr. McClelland, we have saved \$1364. It is the intention of this committee to help no unworthy person, and at the same time to help all deserving ones, ever remembering that passage of scripture which reads, "the poor always ye have with you."

The report was, on motion of Supervisor Thrift approved, and the committee continued until March meeting, 1897.

Dr. Frank P. Coffey, of Jacksonville, has been engaged as one of the editorial staff of the American Medical Journalist. The first number will be issued January 1, 1897.

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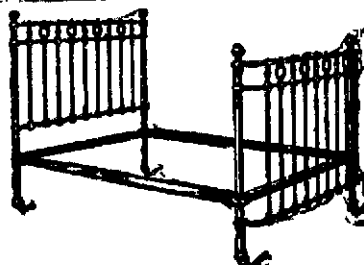
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buy a cent's worth unless you wish; we are liberal in our methods,
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Your guess must be written on a printed blank which will be fur-
nished FREE by us on application. Each person is entitled to one
guess each day. Guesses must be in by 6 p. m. December 24th.
And applications for guess cards must be accompanied by 2c stamp.

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candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in
the morning.

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benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk
mildly purgative.

Felt boots and overs at Waggoner
& Co.'s for \$1.90.

Bulk perfume and atomizers for
Christmas, low prices at West's drug
store.

The regular meeting of Coeur de Leon
Knights of Pythias, will be held
tonight.

Guy Dunbar, a young man of Esmon,
Livingston county, has mysteriously dis-
appeared.

Another case of diphtheria has been re-
ported at the home of J. H. Barnes at
1820 East Leiland avenue.

The newly elected officers of the
Princes of the Orient will be installed at
the meeting in January.

Aiden Jones and Bert Crane are arrang-
ing a masquerade ball to be given at the
Guards' old armory on next Monday even-
ing.

At the meeting of Dunbar Post, Grand
Army of the Republic, held Tuesday
night, Major F. L. Hays was re-elected
quartermaster, a position he has held for
several terms. It is one of the most im-
portant offices in the post.

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by lessening its dangers. The majority
of people die from lung troubles. These
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Dr. Frank P. Nodbury, of Jacksonville,
has been engaged as one of the editorial
staff of the American Medical Journalist.
The first number will be issued January
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The person who disturbed the con-
gregation last Sunday by coughing is
requested to call on the Neisler Drug
and Supply Co. or N. L. Krone and get a
bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar
which always gives relief.

Ornamental or Useful—Which?
In times gone by, it has been the cus-
tom to make presents simply from the
value as an ornament. These hard times
through which we are passing are teach-
ing most buyers that usefulness should be
the leading factor in the selection of holi-
day presents.

We offer you a large and very complete
assortment of boots, shoes, rubbers, etc.,
necessary articles these, and very useful,
no better present can be made to mother,
sister, brother or daughter than a nice fit-
ting, well made pair of shoes, such as we
are daily showing. And for those who
tastes run towards the ornamental, we
would suggest a pair of our beautiful slip-
pers, much handsomer than can be made
at home, better fitting, and fully as dura-
ble.

We aim to please all tastes, and nothing
that we can think of will combine as
much usefulness and make as pretty a
present as a pair of these slippers.

Almost every one has been in to see us
in the last two years of our very success-
ful career. To those who have not been
in to make our acquaintance, we would
simply say that our latch string is out,
the house is open, and everyone is wel-
come.

Come in and see us and bring the chil-
dren. We can fit and please the small at
baby and the largest papa.

Felrath and Hardy.

Sign of the Old Cobbler.—9-dtf-wtf

SOME DEPOSITORS MEET.

Action Taken By Those Interested in the
Affairs of the Farmers' Bank.

The called meeting of creditors of the
Farmers' bank was held at the city coun-
cil rooms last night. I. W. Ehrman, one
of the depositors called the meeting and
about thirty-five creditors were there.
Among the creditors of the bank present
were I. W. Ehrman, Commodore Parry,
Will Shorb, Oscar Zimmerman, O. C.
Stafford, Charles Shilling, Clint Haag, A.
J. Clarkson, M. T. Hott, D. Brintlinger,
R. J. Ross, N. T. Watson, George Knight
and O. B. Gorin. In addition to those
there were F. E. Jennings of Chicago,
representing the American Trust and
Savings bank, and Charles Dyer Norton,
representing the Northwestern Mutual.
Hugh Crea, E. S. McDonald, C. C. Lefor-
gee, W. C. Johns, John Lee, Frank Ew-
ing, James O'Nara, City Attorney Lee
and others were in attendance.

Mr. Ehrman, who called the meeting
to order, was elected chairman and A. F.
Smith was selected as secretary. Mr.
Ehrman stated that the object of the
meeting was to devise ways and means
which would best serve to a settlement of
the matter and preserve the interests of
the creditors. He asked for an expres-
sion of opinion on the part of the credi-
tors but no one responded.

Attorney McDonald who was present as
a representative of a number of depositors
said that he understood the meeting was
called to preserve and look after the in-
terests of the depositors. He recognized
the fact that very little could be accom-
plished now, and in the interest of those
he represented and the other creditors as
well, he had a suggestion to make. He
thought that the proper action to take
was to name a committee of five, this
committee to consider the case and agree
upon a line of action which would be for
the best interests of all of the depositors,
and report the same to a meeting of the
depositors to be held at a later day. In
doing this of course the depositors would
have a plan to follow and would know
exactly what line they were working on.
The motion was put and carried.

Chairman Ehrman named on this com-
mittee the following who are among the
heaviest creditors: O. C. Stafford, Charles
Shilling, D. Brintlinger, George Hiser
and O. B. Gorin. The committee was
approved by the creditors and afterwards
a motion was made and carried that I.
W. Ehrman, the chairman, be added.

A motion was then made that the com-
mittee should formulate their plan and
call a meeting of the creditors and this
will be done. The committee agreed to
meet on Friday night and discuss the plan
to be pursued.

One of the creditors at the meeting is
credited with stating that they expected
simply to find out "where they were at." They
wanted to know what their prop-
erty were for getting their money and
how much they were likely to get. When
asked what the possible line of action of
the committee would be, he being a mem-
ber, his answer was that he was not au-
thorized to speak for the committee and
that he could not predict in advance what
they would do. That would be developed
after the committee had met and prepared
their report. They would say nothing
against the bank or the men who had
managed it and had nothing to say
against the assignee. They believed,
however, that time enough had elapsed
for an understanding of some kind and
they wanted it.

It is stated by one who ought to know
that at the meeting last night the credi-
tors of the bank present represented not
more than \$17,000.

The total liabilities of the bank are
\$187,351.39. The assets appear to be in
excess of liabilities, about \$39,000.

Statement by Mr. Dawson.

John A. Dawson, the assignee for the
Farmers' bank, was seen this morning by
a Republican reporter. He talked freely
about the bank affairs and as to the meet-
ing held last night. He said he was ready
to give any information in his possession
to any person who was in earnest in the
matter of subserving the interests of the
estate and the creditors, adding: "If
the committee appointed last night at the
meeting was for the purpose of devising
ways and means for the best place of
handling the estate in the interest of the
creditors at large, it meets my hearty ap-
proval, and if it is the pleasure of the
committee I would be glad to confer with
them at any time, giving the benefit of
my knowledge of the true condition of the
estate. It has been and is my purpose to

declare a dividend of all monies on hand
at that time in the month of January,
1897."

ELECTED TO LEAD.

Officers of the Princes of the Orient
Chosen at the Temple.

The temple of the illustrious Princes of
the Orient was crowded last night at the
December meeting, when considerable
business was transacted. One big item
was the annual election of official leaders.
John Kaylor, who has served many terms
faithfully and well, positively declined
another term. These officers were chosen,
every one by acclamation:

Grand Pasha—John Gardner.
Grand Vizier—Robert I. Hunt.
Grand Prophet—John Allen.
Grand Paslaw—Jacob H. Latham.
Grand Secretary—George Quinby.
Grand Treasurer—M. Helbrun.
Grand Herald—S. D. McKinney.
Assistant Herald—W. P. McDonald.
Grand Wardman—W. J. Gilkeson.
Grand Vidette—Al Beck.
Grand Trustees—William Dodson and
Harry Snarr.

Four pilgrims with fear and trembling
made the journey over the hot sands and
received the crown so nobly won. It was
a reunion meeting of the faithful. There
is talk of a big banquet in the near fu-
ture. Those who have not obtained the
new pass word should qualify themselves
at once by calling on Treasurer Helbrun
at Stine's store before January 1st. It
will cost you only 50 cents now. After
Jan. 1st will cost you \$2.

A NEW CARD CLUB.

A Number of Young Ladies form a Society
which will be known as the
Samedi Club.

A number of young ladies held a meet-
ing yesterday afternoon at the home of
Miss Ida Voorhies, on West William street,
and organized a card club. It will be
known as the Samedi club and is com-
posed of twenty-four young ladies who
will be entertained every Saturday after-
noon at the home of one of the members.
They will play six-handed euchre from
2:30 till 5 o'clock and the hostess on each
occasion will serve supper. Yesterday a
code of by-laws was adopted and officers
were elected. Mrs. Laurens Cook was
elected chairman and Mrs. Fred R. Stoner
secretary and treasurer. After the organ-
ization and business meeting the young
ladies were entertained by Miss Voorhies
and served light refreshments.

Those who are members of the club are
Misses Eunice Scott, Gertrude Tyler, Floy
Gassway, Adela Blackstone, Grace Ham-
sher, Myrtle Wheeler, Anna and Marie
Irish, Fussy Hoskins, Lida Montgomery,
Madge Hays, Anna and Sadie Roby, Ida
Voorhies, Jessie Montgomery, Beatie
Young, Dot and Abbie Darfee, Beatrice
Howard, Clara Green and Mrs. Aea Som-
erville, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. F. R. Stoner.

Death of James T. Winslow.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, James T.
Winslow, aged 86 years, died at his home
in Illinois township. Deceased was the
owner of nearly 500 acres of land and was
one of the best known residents of the
county. He had been ill for about two
weeks. Mr. Winslow came to this section
of the country in 1859 and has since made
his home here. He was born in Pittsfield,
N. H., and was the descendant of English
parents. He first engaged in building
when he came to this country but after-
wards took up farming which he followed
with success, having accumulated a con-
siderable amount of property. In 1869 he
was married to Miss Francis Hall and to
the couple one son was born. Mr. Win-
slow was an enterprising and progressive
farmer and an exemplary citizen. He
stood high in the estimation of his fellow
citizens, being a man of strict integrity
and upright conduct. The funeral will
be held on Saturday at 10 o'clock. The
services will be held at the Congrega-
tional church in Illinois and will be conducted
by Rev. Arnold.

Cheaper Mileage Fight.

The fight of the Traveling Men's Pro-
tective association for a 5000-mile inter-
changeable ticket is up to western roads.
Eastern lines have capitulated, and, do-
ing so, have forced their western brethren
into the arena. The battle among the
roads running from Chicago to the west,
northwest and southwest began yesterday.
What the result will be no man can tell.
Eastern passenger men have had the
matter under consideration for more than
a year. Some of them desired to enter to
the traveling men by issuing such a ticket
as the knights of the grip desired.
Others refused to enter any compact cover-
ing such a ticket. The advocates then
took independent action and arose many
of the opponents into their ranks. The
same action is responsible for a special
meeting of the western mileage bureau,
which began in Chicago yesterday. The
consideration of issuing a 5000 mile inter-
changeable ticket is the only matter be-
fore the meeting.

Divorce Cases.

Jane Whitaker has applied for a divorce
from Edward Whitaker. M. H. Black
is complainant's attorney.
Nellie Whittington makes application
for legal separation from William Whit-
tington. W. N. Andrews is complain-
ant's attorney.

S. of V.

The Sons of Veterans will give a social
and dance at G. A. R. hall, Thursday
evening December 10. Refreshments
served by the Ladies' Aid society. Every-
body invited.—9-dtf

The Orange canning plant has put up
this year 80,000 cans of corn.

BAD DOG COST A MAN \$500.

Fecular Law Suit in Court at Danville
—Damages.

A singular case in the circuit court la-
fore Judge Bookwalter at Danville has
just terminated. The finding of the
jury should be a warning to all owners of
bad dogs in this vicinity. Alexander
Mingee was the plaintiff in the case, and
Phoebus Miller, the defendant. Action
was recover \$5000 damages. The jury
gave Mingee \$500. The evidence was that
in June last Mingee and a niece of his
were thrown out of a road cart in which
they were riding, in a runaway at Ver-
million Grove, Mingee's horse having been
frightened by Mills' dog which snapped
the animal's heels. Mr. Mingee sus-
tained a broken shoulder blade and other
injuries; the young lady was also injured.
The evidence showed that Mr. Mills' dog
had a bad reputation and had caused
trouble before. Mr. Mills swore, how-
ever, that Mingee had told him that the
dog wasn't to blame and that he (Mingee)
had apologized for what he had said about
it. Mr. Mingee denied all this. He tes-
tified that Mills had promised to pay the
doctor bill and other expenses; but said
that all he did for him was to come down
to see him and bring some "grind-stone"
apples for him to eat; the apples were so
hard he couldn't eat them. The young
lady—a Miss Mingee—also has a damage
suit pending against Mr. Mills.

DIDN'T FIND THE WATCH.

Officer Imboden Has Heard from the Wa-
bash Section Foreman.

In the minds of many it was supposed
that Rev. James Miller parted with his
silver watch coming up from Springfield
on the Wabash passenger train the night
of his death, at some point near the town
of Dawson. Officer Imboden wrote to the
section foreman at Dawson, Illinois and
Buffalo, asking them to patrol the rail-
road and keep a sharp look out for the
missing watch or broken pieces of the
time piece. The section foreman have
done as requested, and they write that
the watch cannot be found. The conclu-
sion is reached that Mr. Miller may not
have disposed of the watch on the train,
and that he probably made away with it
after reaching Decatur. It is doubtful if
it will ever be found.

Some people believe that it has been
found long ago and that the finder is
afraid to produce it, through fear of hav-
ing suspicion fastened upon him. If such
is the case then the watch will never be
seen again. Others think that in some
secret place between the Union depot and
the Edward street alley the time piece will
some time be found by somebody.

Invited to Bloomington.

The captain of the basket ball club of
Bloomington has extended an invitation
to the young ladies of this city who play
the game to come to Bloomington on Dec.
18 and enter a contest with their team.
The Bloomington young lad's offer to
pay the expenses of the Decatur players
and will entertain them at a ball in the
evening. It is probable that a team will
be organized for the occasion and accept
the invitation. It has become quite the
fad among young ladies to play basket
ball.

Died.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, Mrs. Clarence
Emery, aged 38 years, died at her home
in Austin township, leaving a husband
and eight children, the eldest 16 years
old. Mrs. Emery was the eldest daughter
of J. B. Nowlin, formerly supervisor from
Austin, but now a resident of this city.
She was taken ill a couple of weeks ago
with pneumonia and her death followed.
Her mother who went to care for her was
taken ill at the home of her daughter,
but her condition is not considered seri-
ous.

Married.

At the home of the bride at Edinburg,
on Dec. 9, Fay Slate, of Blue Mound, and
Miss Kittie Alexander. Mr. Slate is a
merchant at Blue Mound.

Born.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hovey,
on December 8, a son.

James Bower is driving "overland"
from Benkleman, Neb., to Lincoln, Ill.

The Discovery Nears His Life.

Mr. G. Gallouette, Druggist, Beaverc-
ville, Ill., writes: "To Dr. King's New
Discovery I owe my life. Was taken
with La Grippe and tried all the physi-
cians for miles about, but of no avail,
and was given up and told I could not
live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery
in my store I sent for a bottle and
began to use and from the first dose
began to get better, and after using
three bottles was up and about again.
It is worth its weight in gold. We don't
keep store or house without it." At
West's Drug Store.

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We repair Cloth Jackets and recut them to proper length, and put fullness in backs of same; we make plush or other long cloaks over into capes.

If you need a Jacket or Cape of any kind we can save you money on them. REMEMBER OUR STORE.

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Cor. Main and Water Sts.

LOCAL NEWS.

Our toy department will be open to the public on Thursday morning, Dec. 10, E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Denz, Tallor, 117 North Water St. Fig Syrup, 35 cents a bottle, at Irwin's drug store.

You pay a little more for Sloeth's portraits but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook.

Fine holiday packages of perfumes at West's drug store.

Quinine regular price, 45 cents an ounce, at Irwin's.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtf

Large bottle fragrant toilet cream, 15 cents, at Irwin's.

Smoke the famous Leds, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Moh 25 dtf.

Dr. L. E. Conradt, dentist rooms 42 and 48 Fenton block. aug34-dtf

Irwin's Rock Balsam is the leading cough and cold cure.

Holiday perfume packages, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1 each at West's drug store.

Sloeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Weigand. Moh 25-dtf.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct31dtf

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Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Do! Do! Do! We devote a space one hundred feet long to show the samples of the line of dolls we carry. We show more styles and kinds than the combined stocks of Deatur, E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Arrested. Captain Mutchersbaugh and Officer Kaschinski arrested Bob Arthey and George Francis last night for disturbance at the Salvation Army meeting at the barracks on Merchant street. Both young men were placed in the county jail.

Fine Evergreen. The attention of the trade is called to the fine evergreen on sale by J. Y. Chisholm & Co. They have the finest lot ever seen in Deatur and dealers should make a note of this.

Attention, O. E. S. Regular meeting of the Deatur chapter, No. 111, O. E. S., this evening, at 7:30 in Masonic block. Carlotta M. Adams, W. M. A. Bradley, secretary.

Don't Buy a single toy until you have investigated our stock and prices as we are offering great inducements this year. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

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THE EPISCOPAL DINNER. The Ladies of St. John's Church are holding a Festival and Serving Meals To-Day.

The members of St. John's chapter, a society composed of the ladies of St. John's Episcopal church, are holding their annual dinner and festival today in the old Lin & Scruggs building at the corner of William and Franklin streets. They served dinner today to a large number of persons and this evening they will serve supper, after which there will be a festival. The entertainment was well patronized this afternoon and was the most successful affair of the kind that the church has ever held. The bill of fare for the dinner consisted of turkey, chicken, ham, vegetables, pickles, cranberries, salad, coffee and pie. The kitchen was in charge of Mrs. A. T. Summers, Mrs. W. P. Shade and Mrs. Ed Carter, assisted by Mrs. Philip Bury, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Sarah Scott, Mrs. B. F. Guyton and Mrs. George Morgan. There were seven large tables arranged in the room and at these the patrons were seated. Each table was in charge of two ladies with assistants as follows:

First table—Mrs. A. H. Lander, Mrs. Henry May, assisted by Miss Gussie Gorin and Miss Bertha Roach.

Second table—Mrs. George Powers, Mrs. Albert Barnes, assisted by Mrs. A. C. Rose and Mrs. Frank Schlaudman.

Third table—Mrs. Church and Miss Flowers, assisted by Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Bellman.

Fourth table—Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Bell, assisted by Misses Briggs and Bell.

Fifth table—Mrs. M. Stutzberger, Mrs. M. F. Metz, assisted by Mrs. Bessie and Miss Ella Bessie.

Sixth table—Mrs. Will Shellabarger and Mrs. Frank Curtis, assisted by Miss Caroline Griswold, Miss Mollie Tuttle and Miss Billman.

Seventh table—Mrs. E. W. Anderson and Mrs. F. D. Caldwell, assisted by the Misses Williams.

A table where all kinds of candies are sold is in charge of Miss Bertha Roach, Miss Gussie Gorin, Miss Annie Rainey, Miss Lela Montgomery and Miss Edith Race. The fancy work booth where many pretty Christmas articles are offered for sale is in charge of Miss Maudie Burrows, Miss Margaret Boblet and Mrs. V. G. Hatch.

The fair is open all the afternoon and from 6:30 o'clock supper will be served. In the evening there will be ice cream and cake for those who attend.

THE PETRIFIED WOMAN. A Scientific and Educational Exhibit. Undoubtedly the greatest attraction in our city this week is the wonderful specimen of human petrification on view at 331 North Water street. We doubt if any thing ever came to Deatur or any other city, so well and favorably endorsed, as deserving of good patronage. Scientists who have examined the best specimens of petrified human remains that are on exhibition in the great museums of the old world, pronounce this body by far the most perfect human petrification ever discovered. Let our citizens show their appreciation of a meritorious exhibit by visiting the room where receptions are held daily from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Special pains are taken to thoroughly explain the great wonder and all who have been in, say it is wonderful, genuine and well worth seeing. The admission is only a dime.

Fire Last Night. Two sheds in the yard at the rear of Wilkoff & Roove's undertaking establishment on North Water street, were burned this morning about 12:30 o'clock. The yard runs back to State street and it is supposed that someone passing through that street set fire to the sheds either on purpose or accidentally. Garrison, the hack driver, discovered the fire while coming from the depot and turned in the alarm. The firemen extinguished the blaze before it spread to any other buildings. The damage was about \$75 and was not covered by insurance.

Funeral of Mrs. Cox. The funeral of the late Mrs. John Cox will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the Christian tabernacle. The services will be conducted by Rev. George F. Hall and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

DEEKE AT ST. LOUIS.

Arrested on Suspicion of Connection with the Brewery Robbery.

The St. Louis papers give considerable space to the arrest of Alexander Deeke, formerly of Deatur, for alleged connection with a sensational robbery in that city. Here is what the Globe-Democrat says about the arrest:

Although Alexander Deeke may not be one of the men who robbed the Home Brewery, he is well known to the police and is wanted on several charges. When Sergeant Fox got a "tip" from one of his friends that Deeke could be found at a rooming house on Sixth street he gathered him in and forwarded him to the Four Courts yesterday morning. He was taken into Chief of Detective Desmond's office and subjected to a cross-fire of questions without admitting anything at all damaging. Cashier Hafferkamp, of the Home Brewery, was sent for but could not identify Deeke. Then the police began looking into the man's record on their own account, and came to the conclusion that if Sergeant Fox did not catch one of the Home Brewery robbers he made a very good arrest at any rate. Just now Deeke is wanted at Deatur, Ill., for embezzling \$1800 from an implement company there. Then he has passed a bogus check in St. Louis for a small sum, and the local authorities want to handle him for that. Deeke's career in the past has been a checkered one. He was released but a month ago after serving a year in the work house in St. Louis for embezzling \$1800 from the Jones Clothing company while a bookkeeper for that concern. He did two years' penal servitude at San Quentin, Cal., for embezzlement, getting away with something like \$8000 of the Wallendorf Furniture company's money. His picture was taken yesterday afternoon by the Four Courts photographer and will be placed in the rogues' gallery.

Deeke is an expert bookkeeper and accountant, and until within the past year has been remarkably neat and clean in his personal habits. He also had a penchant for expensive clothing, and was known as a "dude crook" by the detectives. Now, however, he has sadly deteriorated, and although far above the average crook in his personal appearance, is inclined to be slovenly and indifferently dressed. When seen yesterday and asked about his arrest and his crimes of the past, he said: "This story about my being one of the Home Brewery robbers is all a 'pipe dream.' The hold up business is entirely outside the line of work I do. All they want me for is because I forged the name of Peter H. Brueck, a Deatur, Ill., real estate dealer, to a check for \$25. I used to work for Brueck and afterward went to work for the Wabash railway. While at work for the road in August, 1894, I forged the checks. That's two years ago, and I thought they had let the matter drop. I got away with \$1300 from Jones here in St. Louis and they sent me to the work house for a year. Out in California I only got away with \$12 in spite of the fact that they claimed I got \$3000, and they gave me two years in the 'pen.' I guess it pays better to 'graft' right here in St. Louis. I had just been traveling around in California and reached Bakersfield when I passed that forged check for \$12. I have a wife and two children in Deatur, and I am going back there without any papers if Desmond will let me go to my room and get some clean clothes. I'm looking on the 'bum,' now, but when I get my nice 'duds' on I'm winner and no mistake. You see, I left my wife and children in Deatur because—because—well, it was a case of too much mother in law. I don't want to go back there, even as a prisoner and not look neat and clean."

Chief of Detective Desmond expects to hear from the Deatur authorities today. Not Wanted in Deatur.

It does not appear that Deeke is wanted in Deatur. His operations here were confined to getting money at banks on checks alleged to have been signed by P. H. Brueck. If he swindled any company out of money it is not generally known. Two or three years ago the St. Louis police were given a state warrant for the arrest of Deeke on a charge of forgery. It is now at St. Louis, but was never served, because at that time Deeke was under arrest for an offense committed at St. Louis. He was sent to the work house. It is not likely that Deeke will be brought to Deatur. His family is here.

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The members of St. John's chapter, a society composed of the ladies of St. John's Episcopal church, are holding their annual dinner and festival today in the old Lin & Scruggs building at the corner of William and Franklin streets. They served dinner today to a large number of persons and this evening they will serve supper, after which there will be a festival. The entertainment was well patronized this afternoon and was the most successful affair of the kind that the church has ever held. The bill of fare for the dinner consisted of turkey, chicken, ham, vegetables, pickles, cranberries, salad, coffee and pie. The kitchen was in charge of Mrs. A. T. Summers, Mrs. W. P. Shade and Mrs. Ed Carter, assisted by Mrs. Philip Bury, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Sarah Scott, Mrs. B. F. Guyton and Mrs. George Morgan. There were seven large tables arranged in the room and at these the patrons were seated. Each table was in charge of two ladies with assistants as follows:

First table—Mrs. A. H. Lander, Mrs. Henry May, assisted by Miss Gussie Gorin and Miss Bertha Roach.

Second table—Mrs. George Powers, Mrs. Albert Barnes, assisted by Mrs. A. C. Rose and Mrs. Frank Schlaudman.

Third table—Mrs. Church and Miss Flowers, assisted by Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Bellman.

Fourth table—Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Bell, assisted by Misses Briggs and Bell.

Fifth table—Mrs. M. Stutzberger, Mrs. M. F. Metz, assisted by Mrs. Bessie and Miss Ella Bessie.

Sixth table—Mrs. Will Shellabarger and Mrs. Frank Curtis, assisted by Miss Caroline Griswold, Miss Mollie Tuttle and Miss Billman.

Seventh table—Mrs. E. W. Anderson and Mrs. F. D. Caldwell, assisted by the Misses Williams.

A table where all kinds of candies are sold is in charge of Miss Bertha Roach, Miss Gussie Gorin, Miss Annie Rainey, Miss Lela Montgomery and Miss Edith Race. The fancy work booth where many pretty Christmas articles are offered for sale is in charge of Miss Maudie Burrows, Miss Margaret Boblet and Mrs. V. G. Hatch.

The fair is open all the afternoon and from 6:30 o'clock supper will be served. In the evening there will be ice cream and cake for those who attend.

THE PETRIFIED WOMAN. A Scientific and Educational Exhibit. Undoubtedly the greatest attraction in our city this week is the wonderful specimen of human petrification on view at 331 North Water street. We doubt if any thing ever came to Deatur or any other city, so well and favorably endorsed, as deserving of good patronage. Scientists who have examined the best specimens of petrified human remains that are on exhibition in the great museums of the old world, pronounce this body by far the most perfect human petrification ever discovered. Let our citizens show their appreciation of a meritorious exhibit by visiting the room where receptions are held daily from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Special pains are taken to thoroughly explain the great wonder and all who have been in, say it is wonderful, genuine and well worth seeing. The admission is only a dime.

Fire Last Night. Two sheds in the yard at the rear of Wilkoff & Roove's undertaking establishment on North Water street, were burned this morning about 12:30 o'clock. The yard runs back to State street and it is supposed that someone passing through that street set fire to the sheds either on purpose or accidentally. Garrison, the hack driver, discovered the fire while coming from the depot and turned in the alarm. The firemen extinguished the blaze before it spread to any other buildings. The damage was about \$75 and was not covered by insurance.

Funeral of Mrs. Cox. The funeral of the late Mrs. John Cox will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the Christian tabernacle. The services will be conducted by Rev. George F. Hall and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

IN MEMORY OF MR. MILLER. Action in Bloomington by Members of Grace Methodist Church in Union.

In the Bloomington Leader of last evening appeared the following which will be read with interest by our people:

The quarterly conference of Grace M. E. church on Tuesday night passed the following resolutions respecting the death of their pastor, Rev. James Miller:

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Whereas, Our people were recipients of many courtesies from said Knights,

Resolved, That we, the official board of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, Bloomington, hereby express to Beannuoir Commandery, Knights Templars, our great appreciation of their work and labor of love.

To First M. E. Church. The official board of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, Bloomington, to the official board of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Deatur, send Christian greetings.

We desire to express to you our high appreciation of the fraternal courtesies shown our people on the occasion of their recent visit to Deatur for the purpose of attending the funeral services in honor of our lamented and beloved pastor, Rev. James Miller.

We recognize the fact that we mourn a common loss, and that many of the kind offices performed by our people were prompted by love for the dear departed friend and brother. The shock to us has been a severe one and we feel a sense of the deepest grief at our bereavement. He was our pastor, greatly admired and beloved by us all. The fact that you, too, knew and loved him, and that you mingled your tears with ours in the hour of sorrow, has tended to lighten our burden and to assuage our grief. We thank you for Christian sympathy.

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